

REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully reviewed. Claims 5 and 10 would be allowable if amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of independent claim 1. Claims 2-5, 7-9, 12 and 13 presently appear in this application and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because the examiner finds the specification, while being enabling for the preparation of the composition of claim 5 which contains the components avidin ("protein"), HABA ("ligand I"), biotin ("ligand II") and HABA-specific antibody ("molecule that recognizes the low affinity ligand I"), does not reasonably provide enablement for the preparation of a "protein system" based on any "protein" other than avidin and comprised of components other than the components recited in claim 5. This rejection is obviated by the amendments to the claims to be ultimately dependent from allowable claim 5, now rewritten in independent form. The amendment to claim 13 is being made because the original claim 13 was mistakenly drafted as being drawn to a method for assembling a multiple-layer protein system instead of correctly as a single-layer protein system. Support for this amendment is found in the specification bridging page 7, line 23 and page 8, line 5.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The amendment to the claims to rewrite claim 5 in independent form and to make the other claims ultimately dependent from allowable claim 5 obviates this rejection.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are earnestly urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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